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A copy of each reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08A is included herewith, along with an English translation of DE 198 22 638 A1. DT 23 59 718 A1 is being provided because it was cited in DE 198 22 638 A1. Consideration and entry into the record of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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